

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
February 18, 2009

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Ann McKown, District Court Judge; Vice Chairperson Kenneth Titus, Superior Court Judge; Secretary Gayle Harris, Public Health, John Lee, Community Corrections; Marcia Owen, Victim Services; Carolyn Titus, Deputy County Manager;; Deborah Schwartz, Member At Large; Nina Bullock, Member At Large, John Fitzpatrick, Criminal Defense Attorney; Deputy Chief BJ Council, Durham Police Department; Lao Rubert, Member At Large

**Board Members Absent:** Ellen Holliman, Mental Health; Fredericka Carver, Member At Large; Lafonda General, Member At Large; Antoinette Hilliard, Public Defender's Office; DeWarren Langley, Member At Large; Gary Thompson, Community Based-Corrections Program; David Saacks, District Attorney; Chief Deputy Mike Andrews, Office of the Sheriff; Ellen Reckhow, Durham County Commissioner

**Staff:** Gudrun Parmer, Jo Iverson, Robin Heath, Jonie Coss, and Joann Hawkins

**Guests:** Conrad Strader, Community Corrections Division II; Rob Robinson, Durham Center; Tracey Cline, District Attorney; Joe Liberatos, DCC; Jared Woollacott, Duke Student Consulting Group

**Introductions:** Chairperson Ann McKown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Minutes:** November 19, 2008 minutes were presented for approval. Minutes approved without corrections.

**NC Budget and CJPP Funding for FY 2010:** Gudrun asked Conrad Strader to provide an update on the CJPP funding and any projections for next year, and she asked Lao Rubert if she could provide any information on the North Carolina budget. Conrad stated CJPP funding was on the list for cutbacks; however, at this time, CJPP would only have to cut 7% from their budget. He further said CJPP was one of the last items on the list for cuts. He acknowledged CJPP received an excellent review from the legislature last year; and one reason DOC would like to keep the programs was that they were moving toward evidence-based practices. If the programs were eliminated, there would be no way for the mandate to move forward within DCC. He added the legislature had always been supportive of the programs and would advocate keeping them. Lao confirmed CJPP was on the list for cuts; however, her concern was the elimination of CJPP altogether. She added elimination would really set the programs back, not just in Durham but also all over the state.

Conrad informed the board that the Division Administrator for Division II submitted his retirement effective immediately; Diane Isaacs, Assistant (Division) Administrator, was currently the Acting Administrator. He also mentioned Robert Guy, the Director of Probation was no longer with the Department of Community Corrections, and the Acting Director was Tim Moose.

**Approval of CJPP FY 2010, Application for Continuation Funding:** Gudrun declared even with the uncertainty of the state budget, CJRC would still need to go through the annual motion of submitting an application for continuation of implementation funding. The application was due by the end of March and usually reviewed at the CJPP February board meeting. The amount applied for was set by DCC based on a formula and CJRC had been advised to use last year's amount of \$182,188. Gudrun presented the Application for Continuation, along with the Budget Line Item Justification report. She briefly explained the process of the application. She stated the first page was for authorizing signatures once the Advisory Board approved the application, and then the application would go to the County Commissioners for approval, usually in the first meeting in March. Gudrun pointed out the changes in the application starting with program modifications. She stated it was too early to know if any modifications were needed, since the

County budget had not been established yet. Gudrun continued with the Program Goals & Objectives, by explaining the legislature had set the goals: reduce recidivism, reduce drug dependency, increase employability, and decrease probation revocation. She added over the years CJRC developed the objectives that would support and help reach the program goals. Gudrun explained each goal and the objectives to meet them. There was a brief discussion on the probation revocation goals and objectives. Gudrun asked Robin to explain to the board what CBI "Thinking for a Change" was and how that helped clients. Gudrun continued with the application by summarizing the Program Capacity Data, including the following services provided on site, substance abuse treatment, education, job development, cognitive behavior intervention, and life skills. Gudrun stated the services provided off site included housing, vocational training, as well as Project Restore. Gudrun detailed the budget line item justification report that included Personnel, Travel, Contractual, and Operating. She stated the CJPP grant was a small fraction of CJRC's overall budget and not sufficient to pay for all the services provided to the 165 to 180 DRC clients, a substantial amount of CJRC money came from the County. She pointed out the personnel portion in CJPP only covers 80% of a Substance Abuse Counselor salary; however, two or three substance abuse counselors work with DRC clients. In the contractual category were two contracts, the Durham Chamber of Commerce and JACH, Inc. and again the CJPP grant only covered a portion of them, 66% of the Durham Chamber contract and the proposed JACH, Inc. contract would reserve one bed for DRC/Reentry clients.

**CJRC Budget Reductions FY 2009 and Discussion on FY 2010 Budget:** Gudrun provided a brief synopsis of where CJRC was in the budget process for 2010. She affirmed all vacant positions had been frozen all across the County; so far this year CJRC's budget had experienced a 7.97% reduction. As for the next fiscal year, county departments had been instructed to submit a budget reflecting a 10% reduction of net county dollars. She stated, CJRC was working on two scenarios - one would be the 10% county reduction, with the least impact on our services. In the other scenario, (if CJPP money were not available for next year) CJRC would have to cut the overall budget by an additional \$182,188, which amounted to almost an additional 10% to cut. Gudrun stated in that case possible areas to reduce would be housing for clients, employment services, and currently filled positions.

**Program Updates:** Gudrun provided a program update on CJPP; she stated DRC admissions were beginning to increase. She mentioned WRAL produced a documentary called "Time and Time Again" which aired in January. Gudrun offered to loan out the DVD if anyone was interested in watching the documentary. Gudrun provided an update on the CAGI Re-Entry program stating CJRC had received quite a few proposals and was currently reviewing them; she mentioned many proposals requested funding for the entire program and not just the fee for service as CJRC had envisioned. Gudrun stated Felicia McLean from DOC had approached Robin, and asked if CJRC would pilot a Gang CBI Intervention Program for North Carolina. Robin was working with her staff on the implementation; she stated Juvenile Justice would be involved and staff may modify the curriculum to provide it to them as well. Robin added training would start in March for juveniles and in April for CJRC clients. Gudrun also added there was the possibility of opening the course to additional probationers. Robin interjected and stated DCC gang officers were already waiting for class dates because they had a few clients they would like to send.

Gudrun reported Robin was preparing for the fifth cycle of Project Restore and would be ready to start in March; she added Robin had received 82 applications for 16 slots and interviews would start shortly.

Gudrun announced the submission of a CDBG Grant application for Project Restore for the next year. She added that if CJRC loses half of the Employment Program due to budget cuts, CJRC may not be able to operate Project Restore even if it were to be funded.

Gudrun announced the Substance Abuse Treatment staff had started a Family Program, the class was once a week for eight weeks and offered quarterly; it was also open to probationers outside of CJRC programs and six families were enrolled. Jo stated these sessions were for identified substance abusers, the focus was on how to help people understand their family roles in the addiction process, and how they can help their family member stay clean.

Gudrun presented an update on the CJRC Transitional House. She announced a provider had been selected through the RFP process and the paperwork should be completed soon. The house would be

ready to open on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Gudrun stated the house was no longer a halfway house, meaning there would no longer be the requirement for someone to be in substance abuse treatment. She added the house had six beds and was for men only. Gudrun asked for household items if anyone wanted to donate items to the house.

Gudrun mentioned Lao's agency had organized a Legislative Luncheon on Jan. 9 at the courthouse, which was co-hosted with CJRC, TROSA, and Sentencing Services.

**Stakeholder Discussion:** Gudrun introduced Jared Woollacott from Duke University. CJRC had been working with a masters level Student Consulting Group from the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University on the policy question "How can CJRC use data to secure resources and improve program outcome". As part of the project, the students had asked to speak to stakeholders. Mr. Woollacott explained the project and its purpose. Gudrun hoped the student group could look at the vast amount of collected data and possibly help staff analyze it better. She added there may be information that CJRC was not but should be collecting. A discussion ensued.

**News and Announcements:** Gudrun acknowledged Lao's hard work on organizing and being the force behind a press conference that would take place February 25. The conference would be in the Crest Room in the main Legislative building. Lao stated County Commissioner Michael Page had generously agreed to speak at this news conference. She stated the news conference would focus on CJPP, Women Services, Drug Treatment Court, Reentry, and Residential Programs. Lao invited board members to attend. Gudrun announced that due to time restraints she would not cover the CJRC Program Report. She advised board the report was in their packet and they could read it at their convenience. She asked board members to email staff with any questions.

**Next CJPP Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 1:00 PM**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30**